Mr. M. K. Devassy: May I know whether preference will be given to this work?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes.

ANNALLUR VILLAGE—WANT OF ROADS.

80. Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the difficulty experienced by the people of Annallur village for want of roads;

(*b*) have the Government considered the necessity of constructing a Panchayat Road connecting the river to the Pazhukara school?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No. No request either from the public or from the local Panchayat has been received so far, for the construction of this road.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to do something for this village? Nothing has been done for the last 15 years.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I will look into the complaint.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to treat this interpellation from the hon'ble member for Chalakkudi as a request in the matter?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Certainly. I do not want to stand on any technicality with regard to these matters.

STATE AID TO INDUSTRIES ACT.

81. Mr. M. K. Devassy: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total amount granted in the years 1111 to 1113 under the Cochin State Aid to Industries Act;

(*b*) the number of industries with their respective addresses for which such aids have been granted;

(*c*) the amounts granted under each of the sub-clauses to section 5 of Act X of 1111;

(*d*) the total number of applications for aid received by the Government; and

(*e*) the number of applications rejected (if any) and the grounds for their rejection?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: (*a*) The Act came into force only on 1st Vrischigam 1112 and the Taluk Committees under

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the Act could be constituted only towards the end of 1112. In 1113 applications were received. But no amount has been disbursed though loans have been sanctioned in some cases.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (*a*).

(*c*) Do. do.

(*d*) 18.

(*e*) Two. The security offered was found to be insufficient in both cases.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni: May I know the total amount that has been sanctioned?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: With regard to the amount sanctioned, I have not got the applications before me. I want notice.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: Has any amount been set apart for being given as loans?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Some amount has been provided in the budget for 1114.

Mr. V. J. Mathai: Is the aid referred to by way of being given as loans or actual grants?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Loans to be given on proper security.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: Were the Taluk Committees consulted before the loans were sanctioned?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni: May I know what will be the largest amount of loan that has been sanctioned?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I am sorry I have not got the information.

Mr. A. L. Antony: Is the security offered immovable?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Immovable as well as machinery.

82. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the date on which the State Aid to Industries Act was brought into force;

(*b*) the names of Industrial concerns, firms or companies which have applied for aid under the Act;

(*c*) in how many cases aid has been granted?

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Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: (*a*) 1st Vrischigam 1112.

(*b*) A statement containing the information is appended (*Vide Appendix II*).

(*c*) Though aid has been sanctioned in five cases no amount has been disbursed.

Mr. A. L. Antony: May I know why it was not disbursed?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: We had to settle some preliminary things, such as the rate of interest, etc. But orders have now been finally passed with regard to these and very soon it will be disbursed.

Mr. A. L. Antony: May I know what is the rate of interest?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: 5 per cent.

Mr. A. L. Antony: May I know why out of 18 applications, 13 were left out?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The applications are in various stages. They have not been sanctioned, that is all. Loans have been sanctioned in five cases. The remaining cases are only pending consideration. Final recommendations will be placed before the Government for orders as soon as possible.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Is there not a provision to give subsidies to industries?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Has any institution or person applied for aid under that section?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I want notice.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal: May I know whether the Government have accepted it as a policy to give subsidy to co-operative societies who undertake such business?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: There is no discrimination intended between one kind of society and another.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal: Will the Government be pleased to render some help in this matter to co-operative societies who are willing to take up this matter?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: When an application is made it will be dealt with on its own merits.

Mr. A. L. Antony: Is there any amount fixed as maximum?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: There is strictly no maximum. If it is beyond Rs. 5,000 there are certain provisions in the Act which bind such cases. But as the law stands there is no limit.

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